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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2009-10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2642

Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande

February 19, 2010

An act to add Section 53395.95 to the Government Code, relating to infrastructure financing. amend Section 3020 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2642, as amended, Nestande. Infrastructure financing: City of Riverside: medical school facilities. Elections: vote by mail ballots.

Existing law requires that vote by mail ballots be received by elections officials before the polls close on election day in order to be counted.

This bill would require elections officials to count vote by mail ballots that are postmarked on or before election day that are delivered after the close of the polls as long as the county has not certified the election.

Because the bill would expand the duties of local elections officials, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

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reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Existing law authorizes counties and cities to form infrastructure financing districts, in accordance with a prescribed procedure, to finance public capital facilities utilizing a method of tax increment financing.

This bill would authorize the City of Riverside to form an infrastructure financing district on city property that is adjacent to the campus of the University of California, Riverside, for the purpose of funding construction of facilities to establish a medical school on the eampus. The bill would require the city, if it forms an infrastructure financing district, to enter into an agreement, which may be a joint exercise of powers agreement, with the Regents of the University of California and the County of Riverside to construct facilities on the Riverside campus to establish and conduct a medical school.

The bill would make findings regarding the need for special legislation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 3020 of the Elections Code is amended 2 to read:
- 3020. (a) All vote by mail ballots cast under this division shall be received by the elections official from whom they were obtained or by the precinct board no later than the close of the polls on election day *unless subdivision* (b) applies.
 - (b) If a vote by mail ballot is postmarked on or before election day, but is not delivered by the post office to the elections officials prior to the close of the polls, the vote shall be counted as long as the county has not certified the election.
 - SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- SECTION 1. Section 53395.95 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 18 53395.95. (a) The City of Riverside may form an infrastructure 19 financing district pursuant to this chapter on city property that is

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adjacent to the campus of the University of California, Riverside, for the purpose of funding construction of facilities to establish a medical school at the campus.

(b) If the city forms a district pursuant to subdivision (a), it shall enter into an agreement, which may be a joint exercise of powers agreement pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1, with the Regents of the University of California and the County of Riverside to construct facilities on the Riverside campus for purposes of establishing and conducting a medical school. Subject to the terms of the agreement, the facilities would be jointly owned by the city, the county, and the university, which would each provide funding for the construction.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique circumstances applicable to the City of Riverside and the County of Riverside due to the presence of a campus of the University of California located within the boundaries of the city and the absence of medical school facilities at that location.